



Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed agus Gaelcholáiste na Siúire

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Important Dates

July 1st

CAO Change of mind

July 8th

FETAC Results

August 17th

Leaving Certificate
Results

August 25th

1st year Induction Day

September 14th

Junior Certificate
Results

Exam Time

The teachers and staff of Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed and Gaelcholáiste na Siúire wish all Junior and Leaving Certificate students the best of luck in their exams.

Welcome Note

Dear Parent/Guardian

Thank you for all your help and support this year and I hope you and your family will have a very enjoyable and relaxing summer holiday. This year has been action packed, and since Christmas it has moved at a terrific pace with lots of exciting activities happening here in the school. The highlights, of course, were Our Graduation Mass for 6th years. It is always a special night where we celebrate with family, friends and school community. Fr. Martin Hayes joined us this year due to an unavoidable absence of Fr. Tom Lanigan Ryan and gave some inspirational words to our students.

Our Annual Awards Ceremony where we celebrated the huge successes achieved regionally, nationally and internationally - Ciara Ní Dhuibhir and Kayleigh Dorney taking 2nd place in the NFTE All Ireland Business Finals, while Paul Murphy took First place in Regional Enterprise Awards and Tadhg Murphy 2nd place and Robert Beaton and Aaron Hassett taking 3rd place.

The JCSP group entered the Make a Book competition and had their work held up as "Works of Excellence" by the examiners. We could not forget the energetic heart stopping Mamma Mia Show – It was just fantastic and gave a wonderful lift to student, staff and family, the community and to top it off the last day of term, we were treated to modern dance and a short film which was runners up in a TY film competition "An untypical school day" demonstrating students ICT and camera talent.

Marina Gonzalez who was runner up in the NTVEC Music Awards and the following students received awards David Walsh-ICT, John Dunne-Literature, William Bowe-Personal Achievement, Ciara Ní Dhuibhir -Gaeilge, Dónal Ó'Maolchathaigh-Academic Achievement, Mark Beresford-Sport, Marina Gonzalez-Music, Girls Volleyball Team-Sport. We are constantly evaluating the service we offer and I wish to thank the parents of second year and sixth year for your evaluation of the service we provide to our students.

We were delighted to see that in the League Tables conducted by the Irish Times and Irish Independent that we had 100% attending 3rd level colleges in 2010. We participated in Quizzes, Leadership awards and lots of sporting competitions.

Volunteering is always huge in our school. Special mention goes to Shauna Dunne and Rachel O'Connor for the huge work they did in raising awareness for Cancer research and for all the fundraising they did. Well done to both girls.

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Leaving Certificate Points Table

Grade	Higher	Ordinary
A1	100	60
A2	90	50
B1	85	45
B2	80	40
B3	75	35
C1	70	30
C2	65	25
C3	60	20
D1	55	15
D2	50	10
D3	45	5

Farewell to the Class of 2011

The 6th year class finished their academic year with the traditional soccer match against the teachers which the students won!!

On Thursday 26th, the class travelled to Kilkenny to Team Dynamics where they spent their last day engaged in team building activities and personal reflection. The students celebrated their graduation later that evening with a Graduation Mass celebrated by Rev Fr. Martin Hayes. The liturgy was attended by students, their families and teachers.



Trócaire Talk

In April, the 1st, 2nd and TY students attended a very informative talk, slideshow and discussion on the work of Trócaire in the Third World. Fr Joe Walsh spoke of his recent experiences in Honduras where he travelled as part of a Trócaire group and the students found this talk extremely moving and thought provoking. A total of €600 was raised by the students for Trócaire which the student council presented to Fr Walsh.



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Monies were raised for many charities during the year, Crumlin Hospital, Hospice, St. Vincent De Paul, Trócaire – Well done to all our students. None of these successes would happen without the support of you at home and the staff here in the school. Together we all achieve more and staff who give so willingly of their time ensure that our students have a holistic education. Thank you for all you do for our students on a daily basis.

We wish a very happy retirement to Mr. James O'Kelly and Mr. Karl Walsh and hope they enjoy their new chapter in their lives and are blessed with good health. Finally we remember our Leaving Certificate and Junior Certificate students and wish them every success as they sit their exams.

I wish to thank you as parents for all the help and support you give to me personally and to my staff on a daily basis. Well done on the work you have done this year. You have supported, listened to and helped your son/daughter achieve this year, you have done a great job. I look forward to working with you next year. A huge thanks to Ms Ryan and Ms Wallace for collating this newsletter which is such a pleasure to read.

Enjoy the summer and I hope you have a safe and pleasurable break. Bain taitneamh as an tSamhraidh.

Fiona O' Sullivan
Príomh Oide

Visit to Cabragh Wetlands

On Wednesday 18th May, the senior biology students visited the Cabragh Wetlands to carry out an ecological study of the ecosystem as part of their Leaving Certificate investigative coursework. They experienced the various habitat areas such as hedgerow, grassland and callow which give rise to a varied plant life which in turn supports a wide variety of insects and invertebrates. The trip was a very educational and enjoyable experience.



Cadet Boys Volleyball

The Cadet Boys Volleyball team played Dungarvan and Elphin on Tuesday 25th January in the Dome. They started extremely well and easily overcame Dungarvan but they met stronger opposition against Elphin, and were narrowly beaten.

Success for Junior Girls Volleyball

In January, the Junior girls played Mountrath and Naas and they played extremely well especially Jackie Moore who scored an amazing 17 points from her serve alone helping the team to success.

Girls Badminton

Our girls badminton team travelled to Roscrea in January to participate in their first Tipperary County Competition. They were successful in their first match and despite meeting very tough opposition they put in a very gallant effort throughout the day.

TY Science Challenges

The TY students were given two different science challenges which included building a tower from straws and dropping an egg safely to the ground from a 8m height. These challenges involved working as a team and using all their scientific knowledge collectively to succeed. The winning team of the Egg Drop Challenge included Dónal Ó'Maolchathaigh, Rachel Stapleton, Mathias Butul and Lisa Marie Schaerich.



Student Congratulations

Congratulations to John Dunne who was a member of the Tipperary Vocational School's Football team who were successful against Galway but were beaten by Kerry in the next round. Also congratulations to Gavin Shelly who was a member of the Tipperary Vocational School's Hurling panel who won the All Ireland Final.



Well done to 5th year student Mark Beresford on his successful accomplishments in the boxing ring especially in winning the Munster Final at Intermediate Level and progressing to the All Ireland.



Boys Badminton

Our A team travelled to Templemore to participate in the U16 Tipperary County Badminton Competition and played a series of successful matches against Roscrea, Clonmel, Ballingarry and Templemore to reach the final. They were unsuccessful in the final but returned to school full of pride. Well done boys!!!



Fitness by Design Returns

In May, the students of Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed and Gaelcholáiste na Siúire welcomed back the Fitness by Design programme which is a unique and exciting physical activity awareness programme for post primary schools.

All day students had the chance to assess their own fitness in areas such as power, agility, strength, speed and reaction time.

Bridge Lessons for TY

Our TY students completed a course of Bridge lessons under the excellent tutorship of Mr Pat Finn. They found the classes very interesting and were amazed at the complexity of the game and the variety of bids.



Emerging Artists

Le Chéile is a group exhibition of visual art by students in North Tipperary VEC Education Centres and it gave our students the opportunity to showcase their wide range of technical skills, concepts and imaginative expressions.



Environmental Talk

Student Council members, all 1st years and TY students enjoyed participating in a North Tipperary County Council Initiative which involved guest speaker Mr Seán Farrell presenting a thought provoking video about our environment as envisaged 30 years and hence called "The Age of Stupid". This was followed by a most interesting question and answer session and a debate about environmental issues.

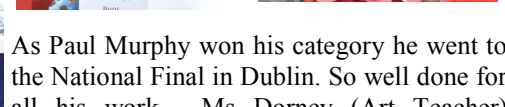
JCSP Make a Book Exhibition

A selection of JCSP Students attended the Make a Book Exhibition in Cork City Hall in April. The 1st and 2nd year students exhibited wonderful journal writing and other works which were completed under the guidance of their teachers Ms Donna Ryan and Ms Wallace. Their work was highly commended by the judges. On returning from Cork their journal writing took pride of place in the front display window of Bookworm for all to view. Photo shows 2nd year students Mary Maxfield and William Bowe outside Bookworm.

Young Entrepreneur Competition 2011

Congratulations to our 1st year students who entered the county final of the Young Entrepreneur Competition. They all did a major amount of work to prepare for the Christmas market day and the Young Entrepreneur County Final. They prepared their business plans which included some market research and they created their products. The following students were involved:

- **Paul Murphy** made Christmas Logs and he won the Junior Category in the County Final
- **Tadhg Murphy** made Calendars and won 2nd prize at the County Finals.
- **Emmanuel Tacima, Michael Beaton and Aaron Hassett** made muffins and sold sweets. They came in 3rd place.
- **Belinda McCarthy, Milena Rataj and Daniella Fruehauf** made homemade German cakes and buns and **Aisling Delaney and Leonie Campbell** made homemade cakes and buns.



As Paul Murphy won his category he went to the National Final in Dublin. So well done for all his work. Ms Dorney (Art Teacher) helped him with his display and Ms Bergin (Business teacher) helped him prepare his business plan.

NFTE Programme

Congratulations to 5th year NFTE enterprise students Ciara Ní Dhuibhir and Kayleigh Dorney who were runner-ups in the International NFTE Student Competition with their unique and innovative company called "Eco-Couture".

School Sports Day

On the last day of term, the students enjoyed a fun filled sports day organised by Ms S Byrne which had a variety of different activities including soccer, sack races, tug-o-war, wheelbarrow, egg n spoon, three-legged and relay races.



Cultural Activities Day 2011

The Annual Cultural Activities Day for the VEC schools in North Tipperary took place in Newport College. Our greatest success this year was in the Drama section. "The Gift of Maji" produced by Ms Carmel Browne was performed by Evan Holland, Mary Maxfield and Mary Ellen McCarthy. Evan won the "Best Actor" award and both girls won "Acting Merit" awards. Many other students participated in various activities which included chess and draughts.

Transition Year Graduation

Our 2010/2011 TY students graduated in an award packed ceremony. The students received numerous certificates and awards including Fáilte Ireland Tourism, FAI Kickstart, VAI Spike Ball, Chinese, UCC Business Plan Certificates, GAA Coaching Awards and many many more. TY Student of the Year was presented by Ms Tuohy to **Jessica O’Gorman**. Mr Barney O’Callaghan presented the students with their An Gaisce Awards. A special thank you to Ms Byrne and her dance troop for their entertainment on the night.



Awards Ceremony

Thursday, June 2nd was an important night in the school calendar. It was the night that rewarded achievement throughout the school and celebrated the work of both the JCSP and Transition Year groups. The student of the year awards were as follows; 1st year **Stephen Troy**, 2nd Year **Mary Maxfield**, 3rd Year **Brima Jordan**, 5th Year **Ciara Ní Dhuibhir**, 6th Year **Stephen Manning**, LCA Student **Paddy Nolan** and Gaelcholáiste Student **Aindriú Ó’Fearúil**. The sports awards were presented by Kilkenny Hurler Aidan Fogarty and were as follows: Junior Award: **Ciarán Maher**, Senior Award: **Ciara Ní Dhuibhir** and Junior Sports Bursaries were awarded to **Emmanuel Tacima** and **Nicole Manning**.



The Principals Award was presented to TY Student **Brian Lanigan**. Mr Dunne presented the Seamus Maher Woodwork Cup to **Padraig Troy** and the Frank Dwan Construction Cup to **Colm Cooke** and 6th LCA student **John McKenna** received the Mary Delahunty Memorial Cup. Mr Andy Kinnane from Bank of Ireland presented the BOI Community Spirit Award to **Rachel O’Connor** and **Shauna Dunne** and the BOI Music Award to **Marina Gonzalez**. **Ciara Ní Dhuibhir** and **Kayleigh Dorney** received the Entrepreneurial Spirit Award from Ms Jean Forbes Cooke and Ms Caitriona Ni Chasaide presented the TI Language Award to **Mathias Butul** and **Clara Feroso Garcia**. Special guests on the night included Mr David Leahy who presented the Best Junior and Leaving Certificate 2010 Awards and Archbishop Clifford.



JCSP

Congratulations to the 3rd year JCSP students who graduated from the programme on June 2nd and received their official certificates from the Department of Education and Science. A special thank you to Ms Donna Ryan and Ms Wallace for the wonderful JCSP Make a Book and Journal Writing displays and to Ms Dorney for the art displays on the night.

Croke Park Agreement Hours

Activity	Dates	Times
School Planning & Policy Development (including subject planning)	23 rd Aug 2011	4 hours
	24 th Aug 2011	9:00 - 4:00
	4 th Oct 2011	4:10 - 5:40
	6 th Feb 2011	4:10 - 5:40
	5 th Mar 2011	4:10 - 6:10
	15 th Sept 2011	4:10 - 6:10
Staff Meetings	23 rd Aug	2 hours
	28 th Sept 2011	4:10 - 6:10
	25 th Jan 2012	4:10 - 6:10
	17 th May 2012	4:10 - 6:10
Parent/Teacher Meetings	1 st years-20 th Sept 2011	7:00 - 9:00
	3 rd & 6 th years-15 th Nov 2011	4:15 - 6:45
	1 st & 2 nd years-18 th Jan 2012	4:15 - 6:45
	4 th & 5 th years-28 th Feb 2012	4:15 - 6:45
	3 rd & 6 th years-22 nd Mar 2012	4:15 - 6:45
Further Education	20 th Oct 2011 & 15 th Mar 2012	

Parent’s Council Notes

The Parent’s Council of Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed and Gaelcholáiste na Siúire would like to sincerely thank each and everyone of the Parents, Staff and Management of the school for your continued support to us. The school lotto has proved a great success and we welcome any new supporters in September. This year the council members were involved in policy review and played an integral part in the review of the Code of Discipline. We also supported and attended all school events throughout the year which we thoroughly enjoyed and we are always delighted to accept new members at any time to join our council. **Chairperson: Ella Coman**